

Page 4, between lines 16 and 17, add the section heading as follows:

--BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS--

Page 5, between lines 7 and 8, add the section heading as follows:

--DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend the claims as follows.

--23. (amended) A thermal protection sheath comprising:
a substrate and a reflective foil fixed to the
substrate,

the substrate being elastically deformable from a
relaxed configuration,

wherein the foil contacts an outside surface of the
substrate only intermittently so as to form pleats in the foil
when the substrate is in said relaxed configuration.--

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[Amend claim 24 as follows:]

--24. (amended) The protection sheath according to
claim 23, wherein the substrate has an outside surface provided
with openings and the foil is pleated in line with said
openings.--

Amend claim 25 as follows:

--25. (amended) The protection sheath according to claim 24, wherein the foil is pleated inside the openings.--

Amend claim 26 as follows:

--26. (amended) The protection sheath according to claim 23, wherein the pleats in the foil form reserves of air.--

Amend claim 27 as follows:

--27. (amended) The protection sheath according to claim 23, wherein the substrate is made of textile and includes openings between textile threads and the foil is pleated in line with said openings.--

Amend claim 28 as follows:

--28. (amended) The protection sheath according to claim 27, wherein the substrate comprises braided or knitted threads.--

Amend claim 29 as follows:

--29. (amended) The protection sheath according to claim 28, wherein the reflective foil is pleated between the braided or knitted threads.--

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Amend claim 30 as follows:

--30. (amended) The protection sheath according to claim 23, wherein the substrate is a corrugated plastics material tube.--

Amend claim 31 as follows:

--31. (amended) The protection sheath according to claim 30, wherein the corrugated plastics material tube is slit longitudinally.--

Amend claim 32 as follows:

--32. (amended) The protection sheath according to claim 30, wherein the foil is pleated inside annular recesses of the corrugated tube.--

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Amend claim 33 as follows:

--33. (amended) The protection sheath according to claim 23, wherein the substrate is tubular.--

Amend claim 34 as follows:

--34. (amended) The protection sheath according to claim 23, wherein the substrate is elastically stretchable in the longitudinal and/or radial direction.--

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Amend claim 35 as follows:

--35. (amended) The protection sheath according to
claim 23, wherein the reflective foil is woven from aluminized
glass fibers.--

Cancel claims 36-43.

Add the following new claims.

--44. (new) The protection sheath according to claim
23, wherein the foil has a shape that does not conform to an
external shape of the substrate.

--45. (new) A thermal protection sheath comprising:
a substrate that has an outside surface with a first
shape, said substrate being elastically deformable from a relaxed
configuration; and

a foil that is pleated and has a second shape different
than the first shape of said substrate, said foil being fixed to
the outside surface of said substrate only where the first shape
and the second shape meet each other.

--46. (new) The protective sheath according to claim
45, wherein said substrate is woven.--